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KENNEDY HAS NOT WON THE ELECTION!
Press Fails To Report Accurately

Perhaps the presidential election of 1960 will go down as the strangest one in American history. And one of the oddest parts of all is that more than two weeks after the election, the press has not yet evaluated it accurately.

The analyses of the 1960 election have been astoundingly banal, misleading or just plain stupid. For the actual truth is, John F. Kennedy will not be elected President unless a majority of the electors cast their votes for him on December 19, and there is a serious doubt that this event will happen, in spite of the bright-eyed supporters of Senator Kennedy and the queer apathy of the Republican Party and Vice President Richard Nixon.

The facts are these: 269 electoral votes are needed to elect a President. As of today, Senator Kennedy has 288, counting 161 votes from 11 disputed states of Delaware, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Texas. In each of these, Senator Kennedy won by a small margin to the accompaniment of accusations of fraud or miscount. Republican chairman Morton has asked the state organizations in these states for recounts. The 288 votes also includes 26 votes from Arkansas, Louisiana and (again) South Carolina—votes which can be taken away from him by these states. It does not include 12 votes from Georgia, for in spite of the statements of the press, the electors of Georgia have been instructed by the people to not vote for Kennedy in a close race.

Therefore, should Senator Kennedy lose a mere 20 votes from either of these groups, he will not win a majority of the electoral college. Should Mr. Nixon pick up 46 votes here, he will win. And should either candidate fail to gain a majority of the electoral votes, the election will be thrown into the House of Representatives!

WITCHES' BREW IN COOK COUNTY

It is possible that the recount in Illinois may very quickly dispose of the false atmosphere of security which the press has built around "President-elect" Kennedy. Out of 5 million votes cast, Kennedy's lead is about 7000 to 9000. Republicans have charged that the energetic Democrats in Cook County obligingly came up with some 20,000 votes to provide that little extra boost for their man and overcome the heavy Republican vote downstate. Apparently, Walter Reuther's goon squads were not on picket lines on November 8--they were "poll watchers."

Should Nixon get the 27 votes from Illinois, these, plus the unpledged votes from Alabama (2 or 6), Georgia (12) and Mississippi (8) added to his current total of 223 will give him a winning total of 272.

RELUCTANT GENERAL

In the face of this pregnant situation, news reports say that "The Vice President is making no effort to win the presidency by vote recounts." It is also reported that Nixon does not want to deal with the unpledged electors in the South!

Could Nixon get the independent votes in the South? Of course. He would have to make a few promises to get them. Not promises as demagogic as the ones that his opponent has made to the "minority groups", to be sure, but promises nevertheless. He would have to promise to obey the Constitution in its clearly-stated mandate regarding federal vs. state power. He would have to pledge to allow the people of the South to manage their own local affairs. Is this demagogery?

Taking this sane and right step would lose him perhaps 10% of the support he has in the North. But it would gain him the enthusiastic support of the entire South and hundreds of thousands of alert and active conservatives in the North. It would be a good trade both for Mr. Nixon and for the country.

Now that Nixon is apparently free of the malignant Rockefeller influence and no longer must worry about the sup-

port of President Eisenhower, is there any other reason why he cannot take this step?

The results of seeking and receiving the support of the South would be far-reaching. Nixon would thereby take historical credit for bringing upon the scene a new party. He would have laid the basis for victories of this party for many years. And most importantly, he would have crushed the main power outlet of the Communists and their liberal collaborators within America. He would have saved America. He would be a statesman, not a politician.

But to do this requires a move on his part. At the least, he must pass the word down through party channels that they should not relax; that the issue is still in doubt. It is obvious that he has done no such thing. The Republican organization seems to have given up the fight. The press is silent about the possibilities. Radio commentators repeat endlessly that the margin is a close one but that Kennedy cannot be upset. The people, who never add electoral votes themselves, accept the verdict printed in the press. And while no one acts, the Kennedy organization moves in, eagerly grabbing the fruits of their stolen victory and planning to "take up where Roosevelt left off." What a tragedy this is! Will no one stop them?

IS 'M' FOR MILTOWN?

The question is, why this reluctance on the part of Mr. Richard M. Nixon to become President? Why does he put himself in the position of appearing to betray his supporters and his Party, who want <u>victory</u>? What happened at the mysterious meeting between himself and Senator Kennedy at Key Biscayne? If not tranquilizers, what is it that has apparently persuaded Nixon to not seek the goal for which his supporters have sacrificed, and which is virtually his if he wants it?

Unless some action is shown at once, either Kennedy will claim the White House by default or, being defeated by an "unexpected" upset, he will claim--and much of the press will howl--that the election has been stolen from him by the South! Kennedy's backers have already been fabulously successful in stirring up religious ill-feeling; now, nothing could be better calculated to stir up

sectional bitterness between North and South. Is this the way to strengthen America?

WHAT MUST BE DONE

Conservatives stand near what can be the most important political event in thirty years. It is this moment within the power of conscientious and aroused Americans to radically alter the present trend towards one-world government and unlimited socialism. To do so, they should make their influence felt immediately upon their local Republican Party leaders and upon Mr. Nixon. They should express themselves strongly upon the desirability of the North-South Coalition which can now be brought into formality. They must not, by inaction, allow the liberals to prevent positive action being taken towards this end, so important to our welfare and security.

This is the issue: to bring about this Coalition. The personalities of the candidates are not important. This urgent event can happen between now and January. But to make it happen requires leadership. Who is supplying that leadership? Only a few politicians are willing to assume the personal risks of vindictive retaliation by their party organization should Coalition fail. On the other hand, the rewards for those who take action could be enormous.

THE LIBERTY LOBBY ENDORSES COALITION

The Board of Policy of the LIBERTY LOBBY unanimously endorses the high principle of a realignment of parties and the Executive Committee calls upon all Americans who agree to make your feelings known to the Republican Party leaders and Mr. Nixon--who holds in his hands the power to take issue with the false conviction that Senator Kennedy has been elected; to expose the perfidious vote-stealing involved; to secure the support of the free electors in the South; to take historical credit for bringing upon the stage of American political life a re-formed and revitalized Republican Party; and, with the enthusiastic and wholehearted support of the productive and responsible people of our Nation, to become the 35th President of the United States of America.

Your personal influence can be decisive.

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